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## FROM JOSEPH COLLINS.

SR I am Credibly Informed that the Indians 50 at least if not Sixty has Broke on the Inhabitants of pigg river & proclaims wars openly with us & I am Inform d that above me the people are Some gone against them namely Jas. Dild. Jas. Collins & others & I understand ammunition is very Scarce & partly believe it to be so thro the County So pray Sr. fail not to make application to Co1. Reed according to the advice of the prest. Immediately if we have any regard to our offsprings for it appears on the face of my mind that we Shall be farther alarmd soon when perhaps unprovided give Notice to as many as possible but prayg to Co1. Reed & yourself

From a friend &c. JOS. COLLINS

A widow woman of varassity Came running from my Brothers to me & with this melancholy News—says they are and has Been Certainty of the whole of what I have writen & more also

## TO JON BATES

The woman tells me that two men ran from She says the battle to Cap. Dillard & says that mischief had happend. on Each side some Indians killd & some of our men Likewise

J. C.

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Dear sir my oppinion is that it would be good to Send to Capt. Spraggen that he might acquaint COL MURCEY that the Militia might be might be raised